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FABRICATING A MULTI-FIBER  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

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**Sir:**

**In response to the final Office Action dated February 8, 2005, please amend  
this application as follows:**